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James appoints disaster recovery task force

A special task force was recently appointed by Gov. Fob James to deal with the recovery from the recent floods in Elba and South Alabama. The Governor's Disaster Recovery Task Force is composed of state, county and local officials, as well as several citizens of Elba. It is headed by Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) Director Lee Helms. Other members include Ed Gardner, head of the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs (ADECA);

Troy King, Elba native and Executive Secretary to Gov. James; State Sen. Dwight Adams; State Rep. Garth Moore; County Commission Chairman Robert Stephens; County Engineer Randy Tindell plus Elba Mayor James Grimes and Council member Winzell Gray. Also serving are Elba citizens Drexel Cook, Ferrin Cox, Barbara Hudson, Doris Matthews, Mary McMillan and Paul Morrow.

The task force met Thursday afternoon and was briefed by FEMA's

Glen Woodward on what is available from that group. Helms reported on the President's Disaster Task Force. Helms and Gardner reviewed state and federal supplemental funding potentials and other options available to flood victims; Grimes expressed the goal of making sure the community stays together; Cook urged fast action for existing people, businesses and industries and for new businesses wanting to come here now.

Adams reported on legislative

efforts to secure state funding to repair damaged roads in the county. A public statement from the task force to let the people of Elba know what is being done reads as follows: "The members of this task force, individually and collectively, are committed to carrying out Governor James' mandate to ensure the victims of the repetitive flooding in Southeast Alabama have ready access to every conceivable form of help possible to eliminate any future flood damage.

"We are determined to restore the total confidence of the residents, businesses and industries who have historically depended on the levee around Elba to protect them from the ravages of rising waters. This renewed confidence will ensure the community stays together for the long term and interested new residents, businesses and industries will respond positively to this total community effort of a thriving town in the forks of two small streams.

"Additionally, we have vowed to

seek out every funding source available to improve the lot of those in low lying areas who can't be helped by existing levees.

"Past experience often shows that when a disaster is no longer an item for the news, the promised recovery funds also disappear. Our goal is to counter this by closely and continually monitoring every aspect of the many avenues of available recovery assistance from the branchheads of South Alabama to the nation's capital."

Officials: Buy-out lengthy, not likely

by Ferrin Cox, publisher

A room full of Elba citizens gathered in the Elba High School auditorium last Friday night with representatives of FEMA, SBA, the Alabama legislature, Elba city officials and others in hope of getting answers to the many questions which have remained unanswered since the March 8th Elba flood.

Many of the questions centered around the possibility of a federal buy-out of homes and businesses which have faced repetitive flooding.

Carol Flowers, a resident of Riverview, said, "I want a decent buy-out offer. I don't care if the president has to sell two more Cruise missiles, I want out."

Flowers told of his five floodings since 1975 and said he had had enough of living on the river. "I love Elba, I want you to build that levee back, but it is going to back more water up on me ... I want a decent buy-out offer. I don't care if the president has to sell two more Cruise missiles, I want out."

Will Carr asked, "What will happen if there is enough money for 120 homes and you get 250 applicants?" He was told that in that case only 120 could be funded and requirements would have to be tightened to reduce the number to the funding available.

FEMA spokesman Ernest Hunter told the group that buy-outs normally take six months to a year after receipt of the application. He said that in this case they would try to respond within 30 days after receiving the application from the city.

Hunter added, "Be patient with your mayor. It is not his fault, he has a very tough job."

Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director Helms responded to a question from a flood victim outside the city limits and said, "Residents outside the city limits will be included in any buy-out program."

Freddie Mallory received a round of applause when he said, "The President is forgiving debts in Africa. If we are going to forgive debts, let's start at home."

Glenn Samuel, who lives in Brookdale, said, "As we do things to improve the levee, they will have an effect on those of us outside the levee."

Insurance agent Mike McGuire asked about the possibility of an increase in flood insurance for those inside the levee from the low "C" classification to the much higher "A" classification.

Glenn Woodward, representing FEMA, said this is being discussed, but no decision has been made. McGuire also asked about the time limit on the special \$15,000 allowance for those with flood insurance to defer the cost of moving or flood proofing businesses.

Those present couldn't give a definitive answer on this, but promised to find the answer. He closed his comments with a copy of a daily newspaper in his hand carrying reports of only about

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Butts running for state office

Former Supreme Court Justice Terry Butts, in his announcement, said he is running for attorney general to take his fight against crime to the "front line."

"For 22-plus years I have served as a judge and I have sentenced thousands of convicted felons to prison and some to the electric chair," Butts said. "Now, as attorney general, I want to serve on the front line firing back against those who rob, rape and murder."

Butts, 54, served as a city and county judge before being elected to the Circuit Court in 1976. He served as circuit judge until 1994, when he was elected to the Alabama Supreme Court. He resigned his position on the Supreme Court March 22 and is the only Democrat to announce his candidacy for attorney general.

As attorney general, Butts pledges to work closely with local district attorneys, sheriffs, police chiefs and through all facets of law enforcement.



Terry Butts

"We are all going to work together to make our streets, schools, neighborhoods and homes safe," Butts said. "I want to send a strong message to those who have turned our streets into shooting galleries and havens for drug pushers. "After I am elected attorney general, criminals will either leave Alabama or go to prison; it is as simple as that."



TENNIS ANYONE? Students at Elba Elementary School are getting a taste of tennis during physical education, thanks to a recent contribution of tennis rackets. Youngsters are shown here with instructor Carol Jackson learning to handle the rackets.

Murder suspects arraigned

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The two teenage suspects in the Cuts' murders appeared before Judge Gary McAliley last Friday for arraignment.

Russell William Cuts, Jr. and Jeremy Guthrie, both 18, who have been indicted on capital murder had another day in court in the temporary courtroom facility located in the Enterprise Civic Center.

Cuts, Jr. and Guthrie are accused of capital murder in the shooting deaths of Russell William Cuts, Sr.

and his wife Leighanne Manning Cuts.

Both victims' bodies were found on March 16 in a creek located on AL Hwy. 189 south of Elba in the Perry Store Community. They were last seen alive on Friday, March 13, 1998.

The two teenagers were apprehended in Sugarland, Texas on Sunday, March 15. They were driving a pickup truck belonging to Cuts, Sr. which had been reported stolen.

Cuts, Jr. and Guthrie were returned to Enterprise, AL on Thursday, March 19, where they were arrested on capital murder charges.

Attorneys for both suspects petitioned the court for their clients to be granted youthful offender status. No ruling has been made on this matter at the present time.

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Qualifying to end on Friday

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The list of those qualifying to run for public office continues to show signs of growth.

As of Tuesday evening at press time, those who had filed qualifying papers in the probate judge's office and/or with their local or state party chairpersons were as follows:

Alabama State Senate - District 31: Jimmy Holley - Democrat.

Alabama State Representative - District 91: Terry Spicer - Democrat.

12th Judicial Circuit Judge - Place 3: Gary L. McAliley.

12th Judicial Circuit Judge - Place 2: Robert W. Barr.

12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney: Mark Fuller - Republican; Paul Young - Democrat; Cary L. Dozier - Democrat.

Sheriff of Coffee County: R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth - Democrat.

Ben Moates - Democrat.

Coroner - Elba Division: Marvin McIlwain - Democrat; Blake Foley - Democrat.

Coroner - Enterprise Division: Tim Whitehead.

Beat Committee Person - Beat 20: Lnette B. Boutwell; Richard J. Spurlin.

Beat Committee Person - Beat 2: Mack Donaldson.

Beat Committee Person - Beat 15: Ray Hurd.

Beat Committee Person - Beat 6: Jackson W. Stokes.

Beat Committee Person - Beat 1: Mathaly Farris.

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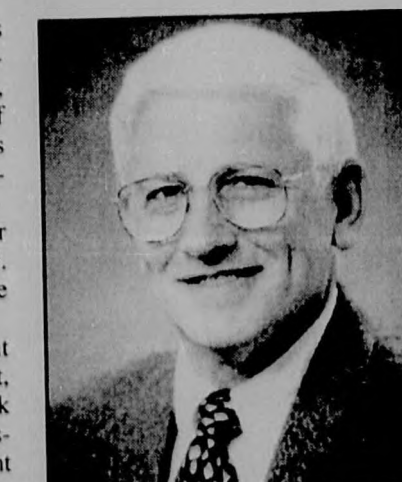
Barr seeks return to circuit bench

Circuit Judge Robert W. Barr has announced his candidacy for re-election as Circuit Judge, Place No. 2, 12th Judicial Circuit, consisting of Coffee and Pike Counties. He has served in this position since his election in 1992.

Before his election, Judge Barr served as Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force, and was in private practice in Troy for 13 years.

He served as a part-time assistant district attorney for the 12th Circuit, working with the circuit's Drug Task Force in 1989. He served as city prosecutor for the City of Troy and taught in the Criminal Justice Masters Program at Troy State University.

Judge Barr graduated from Pike County High School and attended the University of Alabama where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1969. He attended the University of Alabama Law School, graduating with a Juris Doctor degree in 1972.



Robert W. Barr

BSN at Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham, and Rob, a senior at TSU.

He and his family attend First United Methodist Church in Troy where he has served on boards and committees of the church.

Judge Barr stated that he has enjoyed his time on the bench serving with Judge Gary McAliley and Judge Tom Head.

Spicer qualifies for House seat

Terry Spicer has announced that he is a Democratic candidate for the Alabama House of Representatives, District 91, which represents all of Coffee County.

"We need a strong voice in Montgomery," Spicer said. "We need someone who's willing to fight to see that Coffee County gets its fair share of state dollars."

Like many Coffee Countians, Spicer is concerned about education.

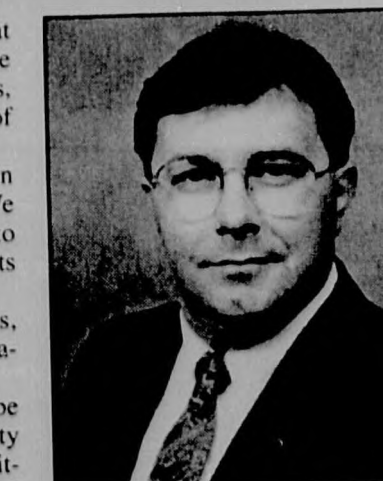
"Our education problem must be addressed in order for our county and state to prosper in the recruitment and retention of industries," he said.

He said he believes that all areas of education are being abused to the extent that the entire educational system is being divided.

"The answer to our educational conflict is for all sectors of education to work together," he said. "In the past, only one or two of the sectors have been funded to an acceptable level, leaving the other areas to compete for the remaining, insufficient funds."

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OPINION

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

There was another Elba meeting Tuesday night, asking questions of FEMA, SBA, EMA, ADECA and anyone else who happened to get in the gun sights. This time it was a meeting of Elba business owners, but the answers were not any more pleasing, or any clearer, than what has been heard in previous meetings to "inform the people." The prospects of a buy-out of Elba with \$3 million is what Elba folks continue to hear. For a spare-time project we suggest our readers design their very own buy-out with that \$3 million. If you find that you couldn't get very far, welcome to the real world. Forget any talk of sharing it with the other 11 counties, just concentrate on Elba to see the impossibility of this being any real workable solution.

A person at the meeting Tuesday night doesn't want his name involved, so we take any flak from this statement which we wholeheartedly endorse: "FEMA Director James L. Witt stood at the Elba airport and publicly made the offer of the buy-out to Elba people and now it is time for FEMA to put up or shut up." We doubt that will happen but it needs saying. People are sitting around confused about what to do with their insurance money, etc. because of the veiled promises being batted around about buy-outs, relocations, etc. with the (about) \$3 million. We think these people need to face reality and ignore this fantasy talk and get on with rebuilding their homes and their lives.

Friday is the deadline for candidates to file qualifications papers in the upcoming Democratic and Republican primaries. While there were some early qualifiers, others are just now getting around to paying their fees to the party. Others are apparently undecided or are playing a game of poker with their potential opponents by waiting until the last minute to take any action. Some of us have taken the Kenny Rogers song of "Know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em" a bit further. We know when not to be in the game at all! Those of us in that category will sit on the sidelines ... and complain. All that is to say something we have said here before: For our democratic society to survive as we know it today, people must step forward and offer themselves as candidates for public office. We continue to salute each and every one of them for making the effort.

We met with the Governor's Task Force on disaster recovery last week. The assigned purpose of this group is to prevent things like the process of going through the red tape using all the money available to Elba flood victims. That happened with the money former Senator Howell Heflin secured for repairing the levee. He got the bill signed on his last day in office. What happened then should be grounds for criminal charges. By the time all that money got to our town, there was only enough to mow the grass and fix some flap gates ... if Elba would put up a hefty amount of matching money. Actually Elba could do that work on its own without the Corp of Engineers and for a lot less money. In fact, the city was doing the grass cutting part already. This time around, the wording in the appropriations bill is for ten million dollars of the money to come straight here for levee rebuilding. That is one of the main objectives of this task force ... ensuring this actually happens, even if it means kicking a few -- well if it means pushing some folks in the right direction and at an accelerated speed.

The City of Elba has worked out a deal to help people recycle old tires. If you want or need more information, give City Clerk Donnie Morrow a call at city hall. There is also a request from the guys handling the green garbage cans. They are begging folks to put a little less of this clean-up stuff in the cans, as the weight makes the containers almost impossible to handle. One day this week two containers in a row broke while they were emptying them into the truck. PLEASE help if you can!

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of March 24, 1998, through March 30, 1998. They were: Cathan Knight, Dalton Gwendolyn Rayburn, Mildred Pearce, Rosetta Bush, Louise Bowers, Bancroft Cooper, Jr., Minnie Matthews, Petty Wambles, Peggy Hyatt, Sherry Soares, Mary O. Bryan, Martin McCormick, Willie Mae Ellard, Nettie Ruth Messick, Harriett Hill, Ruby Johnson, Bobby Jordan, Rudolph Wyrosdick, Harvey Sasser, Darrell Pence, and Dorothy Hussey.

Persons discharged during the same period were: Cory Parker, Blake Qualls, Mennie Hudson, Annis Wallace, Debra Grantham, Dalton Gwendolyn Rayburn, Mildred Pearce, Cathan Knight, R. C. Boutwell, Bancroft Cooper, Jr., Dalton Sewell, Rosetta Bush, Marjorie Taylor, Peggy Hyatt, Willie Mae Ellard, Nettie Ruth Messick, Harriett Hill, Ruby Johnson, Bobby Jordan, Rudolph Wyrosdick, Harvey Sasser, Darrell Pence, and Dorothy Hussey.

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Express your opinion to Parole Board

ATTENTION:
ELBA HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1969

On September 4, 1970, Carl James Monroe, tortured, mutilated and murdered your classmate, Linda Samson. The board of Pardons and Paroles will be reviewing his case for parole consideration on April 13, 1998.

I am asking you and anyone who remembers this heinous crime to

please write or fax your protest to the Board.

Board of Pardons and Paroles
P.O. Box 302405
Montgomery, AL 35130-2405

Any information may be sent to Elbert Peters or me.

Sincerely,
NEIL O. MYERS
1108 Valley Green Dr.
Aiken, S.C. 29801
803/641-7400

Thank you,
DeLonda Harrelson

Dear Editor,

The Samson school all-class reunion and peanut boiling, the biggest in the history of the town, is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 9, and Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Samson Community Center. The event is being organized by J. Elbert Peters of 1701 Jeannette Circle, Huntsville.

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SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

My grandparents owned a farm in Lowndes County, and while I was growing up I can well remember chasing chickens, fighting with goats and taking long walks. However, I didn't realize how "country neglected" my youngest daughter was until one morning last week when she came running back into the house and told me someone had spread something all over the ground. I went out to see for myself, and discovered that the land around the house had been plowed up the day before, and since we got home after dark, she had not seen the newly plowed field. Hopefully before long she will be a real country girl, and then she'll discover all the new games she can play without using any real toys.

DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

***The Elba Tigers snapped their five-game losing streak last week with a big win over Brantley, but then lost to Rehobeth and G.W. Long later in the week to see their record slip to 6-7 at the spring break. The Tigers had a couple of bad innings in the Area loss to Rehobeth, but battled powerful G.W. Long through seven tough innings before losing late. Elba has stubbed its toe with errors in most of its losses; however, the near win over Long should let the Tigers know they can win if they play well. The seven losses aren't what the Tigers had hoped for at this time of the season, but there is a lot of action left, and Elba can still make some noise if it can simply play like it can.

***The Elba Lady Tigers suffered their first two losses of the season last week in Andalusia as they dropped a twin bill to the SA Andalusia Lady Bulldogs. Both losses were one-run decisions in which the Lady Tigers had plenty of chances to win; however, the Lady Tigers failed to come up with the big hit at the right time, and found out how it feels to taste defeat. The Lady Tigers rebounded with a solid double-hitter sweep past Highland Home, and I still believe that if they can score ten runs a game they can challenge for a state title in the 3A ranks. Only time will tell, but these girls can play the game and know how to win.

***It came as no surprise to anyone last week when Mark Gottfried was named the new basketball coach at the University of Alabama. Gottfried, a former player at UMS Prep School and Alabama, was the front runner from the start, and after being named to the position stated it was a job he had always wanted. I don't know if the Crimson Tide will win next season in football or basketball, but Alabama has certainly satisfied its fans with the hiring of Gottfried in basketball, and Mike DuBoise in football, and now have two head coaches that bleed crimson and white.

***Former Elba coach Hank Kennedy joined the ranks of the retired last week when he announced that he would not return next season as head basketball coach at Enterprise High School. Kennedy took the Wildcat job late last year when efforts to get other coaches had failed, and while most felt like Coach Kennedy would stay only one season, nobody thought the veteran coach would lead the Wildcats to a solid season. Coach Kennedy deserves a great deal of credit for what he did at Enterprise, and will always be a winner in my book.

***Enterprise State Junior College announced last week that it would make cuts in its athletic program and beginning with the 1998-99 school year would offer team sports in only boys basketball, girls basketball, boys baseball and girls softball. The cut did away with tennis and boys golf, both of which were long time sports that had enjoyed success over the years. Junior College sports simply is not a money maker in Alabama, and like it or not, the move was probably best for all involved.

***The Alabama High School Athletic Association announced last week that beginning with the 2000-2001 school year the high schools across the state would change to a "Region" format. Under the current system, which will remain in effect for the next two years, teams were placed in "Area" alignments, and many areas had only two or three teams, which made it hard for many of the teams to fill up their schedules. Under the new proposal, teams would be placed in eight-team regions, with the top four teams advancing to the state playoffs. I don't really like the idea of the top four teams making the playoffs, or the fact that Elba will probably face regular season road trips to places like Mobile, Silas and Montgomery. However, it will make scheduling a whole lot easier and give the fans something to talk about. The AHSAA has made many changes in many different areas in recent years, and I just hope they all made for the right reasons.

***Did you see where over 62,000 fans attended the NBA game between the Chicago Bulls and Atlanta Hawks at the Georgia Dome? It was the largest crowd ever for a pro basketball game, and many showed up to see what was being billed as Michael Jordan's last trip to Atlanta. If he can pack the place like that, maybe the NBA should pay him whatever he wants to continue his career. No doubt about the fact that Michael Jordan "IS" basketball!

SPORTS SCHEDULES

SOFTBALL

MONDAY, APRIL 6
Opp at Kinston (2V) 4:00

TUESDAY, APRIL 7
Kinston at Geneva County (V-JV) 4:00

Zion Chapel at G.W. Long (2V) 3:30

BASEBALL

MONDAY, APRIL 6
Elba at Opp (5:00)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7
Elba at Headland (6:00)

Tigers defeat Brantley, fall to Rehobeth, G.W. Long

The Elba Tigers hit the field three times last week in high school baseball action and claimed one win as their record for the season moved to six wins and seven losses.

The Tigers' win came over Brantley 16-6, while the losses were to Rehobeth 14-8 and G.W. Long 7-5.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA 16

BRANTLEY 6
The Elba Tigers snapped a five-game losing streak last Monday afternoon by blasting the Brantley Bulldogs 16-6, in Brantley.

The Tigers came out determined to get back in the win column and scored eight runs in the top of the first to grab a commanding 8-0 lead.

Dustin Stinson got two hits in the inning and knocked in two runs during the early uprising with a triple, while other Elba players getting key hits included Ronnie Davis, Wade Parker and Josh Hodge.

Brantley cut the Elba lead in half in the bottom of the first and pulled within 9-6 in the second, but the Tigers plated four runs in the third to regain command with a 13-6 advantage.

Ronnie Davis had the big hit in the Elba rally as he ripped a bases-loaded double to collect three runs batted-in.

Elba added three runs in the fourth behind the hitting of David to push its lead to 16-6, and the Tigers held on to post the wild 16-6 win.

Ronnie Davis got 4 hits, scored three runs and knocked in seven runs to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Dustin Stinson added three hits, also scored three runs and

See TIGERS, Page 12

HIGH SCHOOL DIAMOND NOTES

Gamecock rally sinks Kinston 14-7

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 4-0 early and then came storming back to outscore the Kinston Bulldogs 14-7, last Monday afternoon in Kinston. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the third inning behind the hitting of Clint Cowen and Paul Seay, only to see New Brockton use a six-run fourth inning to rally and grab the lead. Adam Green and Austin Harris both had rbi singles in the uprising, while Charlie Driggers and Lee Flowers also knocked in runs. Kinston rallied to pull even at 6-6 thanks to rbi's off the bats of Seay and Sage Norris; however, Charlie Moore and Jason Caradine helped the Gamecocks regain the lead at 8-6 in the fifth, and then added six runs in the seventh to claim the big win.

Bulldogs caged by Raiders 13-1

The Kinston Bulldogs continued their struggles last Tuesday afternoon when they dropped an Area tilt to the Houston Academy Raiders 13-1. John Adams tossed a four-hitter to get the mound win for the Raiders.

New Brockton sweeps past Brantley

The New Brockton Gamecocks improved their record to 5-3 Thursday afternoon with a 12-0, 12-2 double-header sweep past the Brantley Bulldogs. Jason McKenzie and Lee Flowers got the mound wins for the Gamecocks, while Charlie Driggers had two hits and five rbi's in the opener, and Fate Harrison and Charlie Moore both added two hits. Nicky Anderson got three hits in the second game, while Rob Brabham and Matt Windham both added two hits.

Zion Chapel ripped by Samson 15-5

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their search for win #1 as they fell to the Samson Tigers 15-5, Thursday afternoon in Samson. Wade Rials got the mound win for the Tigers.

Kinston blanked by Purple Cats 13-0

The Kinston Bulldogs managed only one hit Friday afternoon in a 13-0 loss to the Arton Purple Cats, in an Area contest. Jon Peavy tossed the new gem and got two hits to lead Arton to the win.

Gamecocks claw past Rebels 16-3

The New Brockton Gamecocks improved to 6-3 on the season with a big 16-3 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, Friday afternoon in New Brockton. Pate Harrison got three hits to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Jason McKenzie and Kellen Cole also added three hits apiece. Jason Caradine got the mound win and also added two hits and three rbi's.

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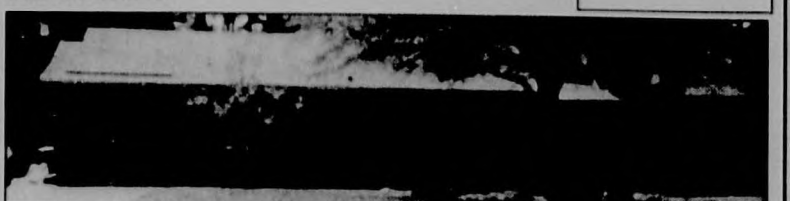
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Flood affects ZC students

by Beth Leverett

Mother Nature has many different ways of getting people's attention. On March 8, 1998, she got Elba's attention. Rain caused the levee in Elba to once again break and flood the streets of downtown Elba.

The waters went all the way up to the old Big Bear and ruined the automobiles at Cook's Chevrolet. Homes were flooded and people were forced to evacuate them. Shelters were set up at the Elba High School and in surrounding cities.

Elba was not the only city flooded. There were also many roads closed as a result of flooded areas and erosion. The rains continued and all Coffee County schools were closed until otherwise notified. Zion Chapel was able to go back to school on Thursday, March 12.

A few of the students at ZC affected were Joseph Sanders, Angie Lane, Matthew Richards, Ross Addison, and Mrs. Joan Hobbs. Joseph Sanders is in the National Guard and was called out on duty. He directed traffic and rode in boats looking for people in need. His family, and the families of the others mentioned, had their houses flooded or were forced to find alternate ways to get out of their homes.

ZC students who live in flooded areas have been able to return to their homes and most all roads have been opened. The roads that are traveled by the buses of the Coffee County School System have been repaired.

Life after the flood of '98 has been restarted.



Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor
SaLena Shuman, Editor

ZCES has 5,000-point reading goal

by Ashley Nelson

Zion Chapel Elementary School is in their first year of the Accelerated Reader Program. The goal for this year was 5000 points. However, elementary students have already reached that goal and

Lady Rebels defeat Houston Academy

by Tina Johnson

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels traveled to Houston Academy Raiders... Chris Roberts, the shortstop for Zion Chapel, hit a triple in the fifth inning. Rebecca Kidd, catcher for Zion Chapel, hit a double, allowing Christy Roberts to score the only

exceeded it by several hundred points.

The school-sponsored program encourages students to read and offers incentives for reaching their goals. The elementary has been divided into upper and lower elementary groups. Top reader in

innings. The score was 37-1 in favor of the Houston Academy Raiders.

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FBLA members compete in district

by Danielle Richards

Members of the Zion Chapel chapter of FBLA traveled to Attmore, Ala., on Saturday, March 7, to the District III FBLA Conference.

The students performed a skit entitled "Reasons to Go to State Conference." The cast of the skit was the seven dwarfs from "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Beth

Leverett was Dopey, Tessa Hall - Happy; Ashley Nelson - Doc; Morgan Hodge - Bashful; Laura Williams - Sleepy; Tina Johnson - Sleepy; and a member of the Escambia County chapter of FBLA was Grumpy. The skit was written by the Zion Chapel sponsor of FBLA, Mrs. Rachel Bryan.

The skit was also performed at the

ZCHS students attend Beta Club convention

by Danielle Richards

Members of the Zion Chapel Beta Club went to Birmingham to the State Beta Club Convention on March 19-21. Twenty-six students and three adults attended the convention. A majority of those 26 students were in various competitions. Zion Chapel brought back two winners: Salena Shuman won second place in the Creative Writing

Competition, and Chris Archie won third place in the Woodworking Competition. The students were housed in the Sheraton Hotel which was very convenient because the convention events were held at the Birmingham/Jefferson Civic Center. The Sheraton Hotel and the Civic Center are connected by a covered walkway bridge.



Salena Shuman

Second graders take trip

by Amanda Ellis

Old Alabama Town in Montgomery was the site for a field trip taken by the second-graders in the class of Mrs. Sylvia Hudson. The class made this field trip because they had been studying pioneers in their history class. They saw one house that was 100 years

old and another building that was 180 years old. They ate lunch at Burger King and went to the park and played on the playground equipment.

When Mrs. Hudson was asked about the trip, she said, "It was an exciting and fun trip."

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Editor's Corner

by Anna Head

I was not directly affected by the flood of 1990 or 1998, in that my home was not flooded, and my family does not own a business downtown. However, in situations like these you truly realize that your home is not only the physical structure in which you live, but also the houses, businesses, and people that surround it.

The 1990 flood made a drastic alteration in the way my future would have otherwise played out; the biggest difference being, of course, that I would have attended and graduated from another high school. In fact, in the years following 1990, it became common to hear and make statements that started off, "... you know, before the flood..."

Because I was only 10 in 1990 and my family was not flooded, I didn't help with the clean-up. This

time I was in town helping before the waters completely receded, and I witnessed what many people were facing for the second or possibly third time in eight years.

In 1990 it was only a natural disaster, something that you recover from and then move on. This time, people began to realize that this is something they cannot deal with over and over. And so the question is, "What can be done?" I have heard different proposals and suggestions, and I am as unsure as anyone what the future holds. However, I am certain about one thing - before the waters went down, all I heard was, "Elba's gone, we can't come back again," and I tended to agree, but when people saw what they had to do, they plunged in head first.

When I saw that spirit, I knew that no matter if the location of our town changes or we stay right where we are - Elba will survive!

VICA Spotlight

Cowen works for C&D Lawn

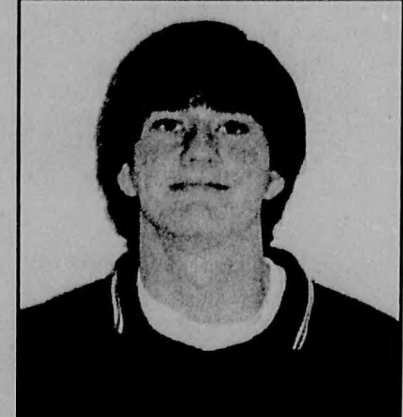
by Diana Jackson

This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on JAKE COWEN.

Jake works for C&D Lawn Care, where he cuts grass and works on landscapes.

He is the son of Ed and Myrna Cowen and is a senior at Elba High School.

He is a member of VICA, FFA, SGA, Senior Beta Club, and is senior class president.



Jake Cowen

After high school Jake plans to attend Auburn University and major in engineering.

Melanie Mularz state winner in Farm-City poster contest

Melanie Mularz has been selected as a winner in the 1997 poster contest sponsored by the Farm-City Committee of Alabama. The contest promotes a better understanding between rural and urban people.

Melanie and her class received

awards in recognition of this accomplishment, and were recognized during the Farm-City Awards Program March 30, at the hotel ballroom of the Wyntre Hotel in Birmingham.

Congratulations, Melanie!!

Tiger Tales



Anna Head,
Editor

Elizabeth
Strong,
Assistant Editor

EHS students named to honor rolls

Elba High School has released the following honor rolls for the most recent grading period:

ALLA'S

• 7TH GRADE - Kristen Lee Abbott, Bobbie Joe Allman, Benjamin (Bart) Barnes, Joseph Kyle English, Sheena Flowers, Carla Ann Roberts, Deann Smith, Jennifer Olene Smith, Kristy Wynell Ward

• 8TH GRADE - Amanda Michelle Adkins, Rachel Ellen Bludworth, Jack Rushing Brunson, Chelsea Grace Cooper, Brittany Danielle Daniels, Stacey Marie Ellis, Wesley Gannon Kelley, Helen Kerri Lawford, John Mitchell, Stephanie Christin Sasser, Casey Nicole Skinner, Bobbie Jo York

• 9TH GRADE - Amanda Rene Beerenstrauch, Carmenda Chawnc Coleman, Bethany Lynn Dye, Omar Fleming, Heather Michelle Hudson, Cammie Renee Kelley, Amy Marie Kirkland, Leanne Mallory, Valrice Lashay Moore, Amber Lee Norris, Jeaneva Dale Ordon, Jeremy Paul Sasser

• 10TH GRADE - Kylie Racann McCollough, Dustin Lee Stinson, Angela Denise Tillis, Shanna

Michelle Tillis, Kimberly Ward
• 12TH GRADE - Luke Bludworth, Andrew Lee Daugherty, Kristen Jennifer Dubisar, Brandee Nicole Farris, Larry Matthew Farris, Anna Ruth Head, Misty Michelle Kelley, Latisha Denise Reed, Walt Mace Russell, Bonnie Lynn Vaughan

ALLA'S & B'S

• 7TH GRADE - Justin Channing Allen, William Christopher Brunson, Christopher Wayne Bryant, Mandrell Carpenter, Daren Gerald Dawkins, Cherelle Leshawn Edwards, Joseph Falls, Katrina Lee Farris, Kimberly Ann Farris, Heather Nichole Hays, Shawna Ledidian Hill, Jesse Robert Holloway, Alicia Gail Hudson, Devri Diane Kilecase, Blake Dudley Lambert, Russell (Trey) Lindsey, Lagina Taseka Mack, Freddy M. Mallory Jr., Renee Mitchell, Richard Arthur Myers, Charles Brandon Petty, Stephen Blaine Pope, Zachary Praytor, Joshua Paul Tice, Samantha Christi Williams

• 8TH GRADE - Charly Lynn Barlow, Daniel Henry Barton, George Austin Boothe, Darryl

Waddail, Harrison compete in Atlanta gymnastics meet

Elba's gymnasts, Ashleigh Waddail and Anna Harrison, arrived in Atlanta, Ga. Feb. 21 for a meet. Their day in the Sweetheart Invitational began at 8 a.m.

We knew our gymnasts would not let us down. Ashleigh received a gold medal on vault, floor, and bars. She won a silver medal on the beam, and also received a trophy and T-shirt for having the highest score. She placed first in all-around among the nine-

year-olds, receiving yet another gold medal.

Anna Harrison placed third, receiving a bronze medal on vault, floor, and bars. She placed third all-around.

In groups, the Aerials competed against seven other groups of gymnasts, receiving first place and a trophy.

These two girls just might wind up on the 2000 Olympic Gymnast Team.

Dewane Burks, Katie Elizabeth Crowe, Brandy Nicole Davis, Christopher Ray Eiland, Frances Fleming English, Katherine Michelle Grimes, Ashley Lynn Harrelson, Jonathan Ashley Tanay Head, Misty Michelle Kelley, Latisha Denise Reed, Walt Mace Russell, Bonnie Lynn Vaughan

• 9TH GRADE - Chanshaye Renae Carpenter, Onoda Lashay Davis, Kenneth Neil Grantham, Vinson Tyron Hammonds, Jassen Dewight Hays, Carey Lauren Holloway, Jessica Detessa Knight, Keitha Michelle Lewis, Cassandra Nicole Lindsey, Roshanda Amy McKinnon, Melissa Hope Mularz, James Blake Streetman, Clay Wayne Sutley, Christopher Turner, Felicia Rene Wambles

• 10TH GRADE - Natasha Lynn Bannin, Emilee Benbow, Hannah Vaughan Boyd, Nicholas Todd Brunson, Tiffany Leigh Farris, Linda Gail Gideon, Melissa Brook Grantham, Thomas Aaron Holland, Josh Wayne Lawford, Sonja Mosier, Monique Jeannell Ordon, Brandy Gail Phillips, Emilee Clayton

Menus

The following menus for Elba Elementary School were submitted for the week of APRIL 6 - 10
BREAKFAST
Monday - Cheese Toast or Cereal, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup or

Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Cereal, Milk
Thursday - Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, Cheese Slice, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Carrots, Half Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Cheeseburger, Lettuce,

Tomato, Dill, French Fries, Pear Half, Milk
Thursday - Chili w/Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Half Orange, Milk
Friday - Barbecue, Rice, Fried Okra, Bread, Banana, Milk

Round and about with Eria Belcher

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Scripture: Jeremiah 28:5-14

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Jennie Rawlinson, Tammie Tillis, Lawrence Bryant, Lessie Davis, Maggie Bryant, Merinda Caldwell, Ladana Carpenter, Onie Bell Daniels, Ella M. Brooks, the Butler and Rutten families, Baby Jessica, Mitchell and Cynthia Pearson, Nettie Ruth Hogan, Paul Belcher

NELACY BAILEY, OPP

MY STORY

I was born on April 7, 1923, on my grandfather's farm (Martin A. Leslie), which was located three miles west of Gantt, in Coffee County. My parents were Aey Bailey and Alice Leslie Bailey. They worked on my grandfather's 5-acre farm.

I have one sister, Corne, who is 15 months younger than I am. At age 2 my father moved us off Leslie's farm and continued until I was so happy. My grandfather also had other employees.

My mother and father separated and Mother took my sister and me back to my grandfather's farm and I was so happy. My grandfather also had other employees.

In the fall we would walk five miles to school every day, cold or hot weather, and we attended there for three years. This school was named St. Beulah School.

My mother moved to Andalusia, and my sister and I went with her. We went to Covington County Training School for two years. During that time, my mother met and married Fletcher Jones and moved to Opp. I could not go to school in Opp because Supt. Lee and the Opp City Board of Education would not allow black children to be taught above the 6th grade.

Principal Carmichael was fired because he brought a 7th grade mathematics and history book to school and taught out of them, to some of the advanced students.

My mother worked for the county superintendent and talked to him about transportation for the students in Opp who had completed sixth grade. This was done by Fletcher Jones getting a truck and the county put a body on it; therefore we were able to continue our education through 12th grade.

Brother John Lane was my first bus driver for two years. I drove during my 10th, 11th and 12th grades. I was called into the Army in 1943 and on Nov. 12 I was sent to Camp Lee, Va., where our Infantry training began.

They put me through some rough training, but I always said if others could do it, so could I. I finished training and was shipped out to Europe, landing in Liverpool, England. I was given a truck to drive, even though I had taken Infantry training.

I remained a truck driver through my Army career. I was in France, Belgium, Germany, Czechoslovakia. I was in Europe 24 of my 30 months in the Army. I also toured the watch factories in Switzerland.

After returning home in May, 1946, I prepared myself for college by taking a trade at Tuskegee Institute (University). After spending a year in sheet metal and roofing, I completed the course and got a job in Gary, Ind. After three weeks I went to Warren, Ohio, and worked there for two years. Later I returned to Alabama and entered Alabama State University, where I majored in mathematics and minored in science and physical education.

My first teaching job was in Hartford, Ala., where I taught 7-12 grades. I coached basketball and had a championship team along with Dothan High School. I was offered a job in Selma in 1959, and in 1966 I got another job offer in Opp.

While living in Selma, I was surprised to learn that the county and city officials would not allow black citizens to register and vote. I also noted that Selma was about 51-1/2 percent black, and that was the main reason for keeping blacks from registering to vote.

There were so many blocks of injustice done to the blacks. After the students and teachers marched, demonstrating against the discrimination going on in Selma, it was sad times for us. But we were determined to reach the goal. I helped integrate the city schools in Opp, along with so many others, including Bro. Milton McIntosh. It certainly wasn't a pleasant job, but one that paid off.

I am a member of Nazareth Baptist church in Opp, and a Deacon, chairman of Covington County Democratic Conference, Ch. Ala. Demo. Conference, 2nd Congressional District, Masonic Lodge #377, W.P. Eastern Star Chapter #754, Executive Board



Nelacy Bailey

member for South Central Mental Health, and served as president there for the year 1996-97.

I am president of the Southeast Missionary Baptist Laymen's Convention, chairman of Deacon Board and Trustee Board, member of NAACP, Royal Arc, American Legion, VFW, Ladies Aid, Pastor's Aid, secretary for Ministries, Laymen and Women's Missionary Society, and a retired school teacher.

I have three beautiful daughters, Margaret Gail Williams, Hampton, Va.; Zobia Ingram, Quartz Hill, Ca.; and Delissiana A. Bailey, Americus, Ga. I am very happily married to a lady from Warren, Ohio.

God is good. Through all these years, he has been with me, and has allowed me to do a lot of community service since my retirement in 1981. Life is worth living, if a person is living for the Lord and His service.

***Annual Choir Day of the Oak Grove Baptist Church will be held Sunday, April 12, Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor. Theme: Psalm 150:6; 2:30 p.m. processional - Oak Grove Choir; guest choir will render

music; welcome and occasion - Sis. Crystal Tillis, speaker - Rev. E. Freency, mistress of ceremony - Sis. Sarah Stoudmire. Program Committee: Sis. Alice Musgrove, Sis. Pam Mitchell, Sis. Carolyn Blake, president, Sis. Johnnie McBride, church secretary.

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***Youth Activity Day, 1998, to be held at the Sports Complex, Opp, April 18. There will be softball for ages 8 - 14, 15 and up, basketball - boys 12 and under. For more information call Ronnie and Lisa Caldwell at 493-0108, or Patti Culver - 897-8216.

***You are cordially invited to a community singing at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, on Saturday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor. All groups, soloists, and choirs are encouraged to come and share. Sponsored by the Oak Grove Senior Center.

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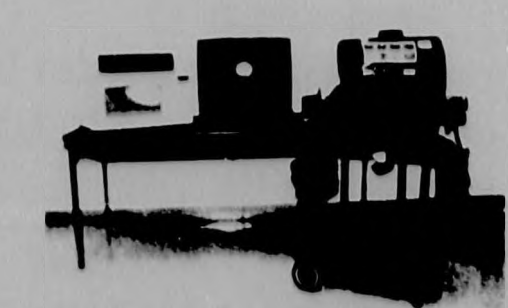
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Lady Tigers defeat Highland Home

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the field three times last week in high school softball action and claimed three wins in five outings as they defeated Highland Home 9-0 on Monday, fell to Andalusia 3-2 and 3-4 on Tuesday, and rebounded Thursday to down Highland Home 11-1 and 14-4 to push their record for the season to seven wins and 11 losses.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA 9
H.HOME 0

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to spank Highland Home 9-0.

Elba led only 4-0 after five innings, but broke loose late and rolled to the big win.

Vaughan Boyd got three hits to lead Elba, while Amber Frederick added two hits and Melissa Grantham scored two runs. Melissa Mularz got the pitching win as she allowed only three hits.

ANDALUSIA 3
ELBA 2

JV Lady Tigers end season

The Elba Junior Varsity Lady Tigers closed their softball season last week with a fine record of five wins and only one loss.

The Lady Tigers were coached by David Collins and Susan Barnes.

Following are highlights of the Lady Tigers season:

ELBA 21
BRANTLEY 15

The Lady Tigers opened the season with a wild 21-15 win over Brantley. Melissa Kelley scored three runs in the win, while Melissa Sanders scored three runs and Rachel Bludsworth scored twice.

ELBA 9
SAMSON 4

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The Lady Tigers suffered their first loss of the season as Andalusia pulled ahead 3-2 early and then held on to claim the slim 3-2 win.

Elba jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third inning, but failed to score again and watched as Andalusia rallied to claim the 3-2 win.

Bonnie Vaughan got one hit and scored one run to lead Elba, while Melissa Mularz took the loss pitching, despite holding Andalusia to only four hits.

ANDALUSIA 5
ELBA 4

The Lady Tigers saw Andalusia rally from a 4-1 seventh inning deficit to pull even and then score the winning run in the eighth inning as Elba suffered its second loss of the day by the score of 5-4.

The Lady Tigers pulled out to a 4-1 lead in the sixth inning behind the clutch hitting of Vaughan Boyd, Melissa Mularz and Bonnie Vaughan, only to see Andalusia rally late and then pull out the win.

Leslie Stinson got three hits and scored two runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Amber Frederick added two hits, and Roshanda McKinnon delivered a home-run. Melissa Mularz got the win pitching by tossing a three-hitter.

ELBA 14
H.HOME 4

The Lady Tigers spotted Highland Home took advantage of an Elba error to grab a quick 1-0 lead, but the Lady Tigers moved ahead 2-1 in the second and then slowly pulled away to claim the win.

Leslie Stinson got three hits and scored two runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Amber Frederick added two hits, and Roshanda McKinnon delivered a home-run. Melissa Mularz got the win pitching by tossing a three-hitter.

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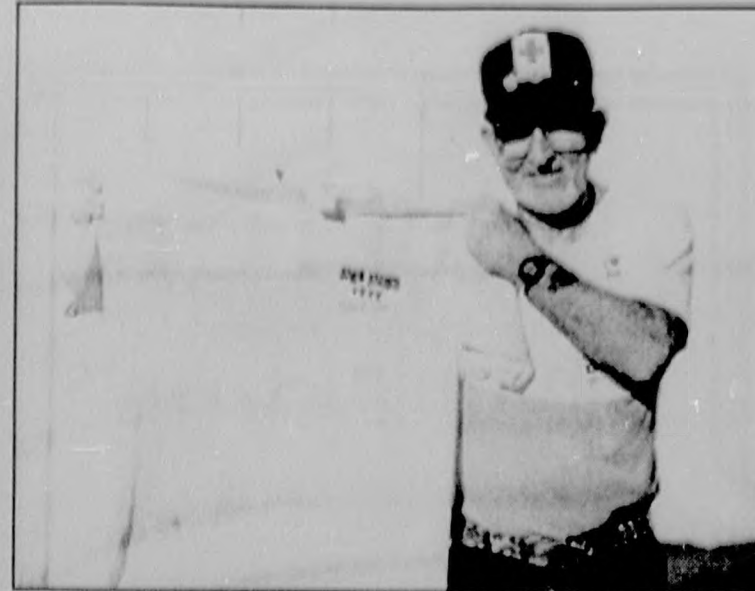
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IN APPRECIATION...An Elba businessman donated a color t-shirt with a print on it to volunteer workers who came in to help local flood victims. Pictured above holding up one of the shirts is Bob Davis, Family Services Coordinator with the American Red Cross. Bob was from Palm Springs, CA. The print on all the shirts expressed the appreciation of the citizens of Elba for all the assistance received in recent weeks.

Pageant planned at ESJC

The second annual Coffee County Relay for Life Benefit Pageant will be held April 11 at 6 p.m. at Enterprise State Junior College Multi-purpose Room.

Ages will include: 0-2 - Baby Relay for Life; 2-4 - Tiny Miss; 5-7 - Little Miss; 8-11 - Petite Miss; 12-15 - Junior Miss; 16-20 - Miss. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Attire is "Sunday dress," and registration fee is \$20. Admission to the event is \$3. For information, contact Elaine Stuckey at 347-1542 or 347-9444.

Also, to benefit the American Cancer Society and the Children's Miracle Network, "Leslie Cottonball" will "hippy hop down the Bunny Trail" to Wal-Mart's on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., in front of Colonial Bank.

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FINISHED PRODUCT... Pictured above is the levee break located just off Jackson Street which has been repaired under the direction of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The canal side of the levee has been reinforced with rip-wrap (large stones) and the hold top side and backside of the levee has been covered with a mat containing grass seed. Other spot repairs were made to the levee between Jackson Street and Martin Luther King Drive. The funding for the general repair and up-grading of the Elba and Geneva levees (\$25 million - \$10 million for Elba and \$15 million for Geneva) is out of committee and is pending before the U. S. Congress.

Election

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State Democratic Committee
Person Male - District 91: Bill McAlley.

Meeting

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\$3 million available for buy-outs, but many millions more the president was passing out in Africa on the same day.

Residents were also told that any buy-out money available would be to the 12-county South Alabama area declared in this disaster. Best estimates from the federal representatives present were that the amount of federal funds available to the area would be in the neighborhood of \$3 million. Buy-out money will first go to repay any outstanding loans, including SBA, the group was told. In response to the moans and groans, they heard, "It is just like with any other sale of mortgaged property."

Slips were passed out to the attendees for them to sign and indicate their preference of several options suggested. They included the buy-out, relocation and flood proofing. FEMA representatives collected the forms and said they would work with city officials in tabulating the opinions and formulating a plan.

Spicer

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Health care must also be of concern to all Alabamians, he said, adding that infrastructure continues to be a key issue for Coffee County. "We must secure allocations and remain on target with our highway construction plans," he said.

Spicer added that agricultural legislation also is extremely important in Coffee County. A graduate of Elba High School and Douglas MacArthur State Technical College, Spicer attended Enterprise State Junior College. He earned a bachelor's degree in Vocational and Technical Education from Athens State and a master's degree in public administration from Auburn University in Montgomery.

He is married to the former Ceina Hayes. They have two sons, Hayes, 3, and John Colquett, 3 months. Spicer is active in various community and professional organizations. He and his family attend First Baptist church where he teaches the Senior High Youth Sunday School Class.

Spicer is an instructor in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program at MacArthur State Technical College and is involved in a family-owned business, Spicer Heating and Cooling, which was established in 1965.

Aid to flood victims totals \$2 million

According to Federal Emergency Management Agency officials, assistance for 1,029 disaster victims of the recent flood has amounted to more than \$2 million.

The assistance includes funds for temporary housing, individual and family grants, and immediate shelter needs for people displaced by floodwaters.

The greatest number of applicants for disaster assistance in the 12-county area were in Coffee County.

There were 869 applicants which is equivalent to 46 percent of all who have applied.

The \$2 million does not include \$193,300.00 in low-interest loans approved so far to renters, homeowners and businesses through the U. S. Small Business Administration.

The deadline for qualified claimants in Coffee, Covington, Dale, Escambia, Geneva and Houston counties is April 8, 1998.

LEARN WINDOWS '95

An evening course is to be offered to the public at Elba High School, beginning Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m. The course will be an introduction to the Windows '95 operating system and its basic use. The course will cost \$75. It will run one night a week, two hours per meeting, for six weeks. The enrollment will be limited to 20 people.

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Qualifying ends, 3 candidates unopposed

The list of those qualifying to run for local public office is now complete. Last Friday at 5 p.m. was the deadline for filing qualification papers with local and state party chairpersons.

Those placing their names on the ballot are as follows:

• Alabama State Senate - District 31: Jimmy Holley - Democrat; Dwight Adams - Republican.

• Alabama State Representative - District 91: Terry Spicer - Democrat; Garth Moore - Republican.

• 12th Judicial Circuit Judge - Place 3: Gary L. McAlley - Democrat; Bruce McLean - Republican.

• 12th Judicial Circuit Judge - Place 2: Robert W. Barr - Democrat;

• 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney: Mark Fuller - Republican; Paul Young - Democrat; Cary L. Dwyer - Democrat.

• Sheriff of Coffee County: R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth - Democrat; Ben Moates - Democrat.

• Coroner - Elba Division: Marvin McIlwain - Democrat; Blake Foley - Democrat.

• Coroner - Enterprise Division: Tim Whitehead - Democrat.

• Coffee County School Board - Member - District 4: Jimmy Clark - Republican; Frances Brown - Republican.

• Coffee County School Board - Member - District 6: Joyce Barksdale - Republican.

• Beat Democrat Committee - Person - Beat 20: Lanette B.

• Beat Democrat Committee - Person - Beat 15: Ray Hurd.

• Beat Democrat Committee - Person - Beat 6: Jackson W. Stokes.

• Beat Democrat Committee - Person - Beat 1: Mathias Farris.

• Beat Democrat Committee - Person - Beat 17: Bernice Brooks.

• State Democratic Committee - Person Male - District 91: Bill Stokes.

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The above field will be narrowed down after the June Primary election.

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HOW DO YOU GIVE SOMEONE A CHECK FOR A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS? You simply hand it to them across the picnic table. This is how Lee Helms, director of Alabama's Emergency Management Agency, presented Elba Mayor James E. Grimes with a check for more than \$247,000.00. The check was delivered late last Friday afternoon by Helms in a less-than-formal atmosphere. Helms was sitting with members of his staff outside under the EMA's mobile headquarters when Mayor Grimes drove up and joined them. Helms told the mayor, "I've got a little something here for you mayor that I hope will be helpful." And with that, he handed the mayor the envelope containing the check. Grimes said these funds will be used in paying for debris removal and the emergency pumps that were used in pumping flood water over the levee. Shown from left are Helms, Herby McCull, Gary Morrison, Johnny Williams and Mayor Grimes.

Brockton getting aid for streets

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Meeting in regular session, members of the New Brockton Town Council wasted little time in attending to the town's business.

Mayor Britt Lee informed members of the council that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management

Agency) officials had surveyed the damage to the town's streets during the recent flooding.

The officials assessed the damage at \$13,323.00 which is the 75 percent of the total damage that the agency will reimburse the town. The remaining 25 percent will come from the state (10 percent) and the town (14 percent).

Council members were also informed that a grant to construct a walking trail at the town's recreation complex has been applied for by Lenwood Herring.

The grant, should the town be successful in its application, will be for funding up to \$25,000.

See BROCKTON, Page 3

Asphalt One lands in Elba - again

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Johnny Williams is among the Alabama Emergency Management Agency employees who is no stranger to Elba, Ala.

Williams and his home on wheels, Asphalt One, first visited Elba immediately after the March, 1990, flood. That visit lasted almost long enough for him to qualify as a resident and vote in the local elections, he said.

Once again Williams - and his bus - are stationed in Elba as EMA assists the residents of Elba and the town's officials in the recovery process from the March 8th flood.

Officially, Asphalt One is not a part of the EMA; however, besides serving as a home-away-from-



Johnny Williams with his home on wheels, Asphalt One. Williams, the very-deadly, equipped bus serves as a nice conference room for officials needing a quiet and convenient place to meet.

But the bus also has a very impressive record as a winner on the campaign trail, serving more than a dozen politicians in a successful trek to becoming elected officials.

George Bush gave the bus its name. He originally called it Asphalt Two when he was vice president. When Bush was elected president, the name was changed to Asphalt One.

Besides Bush, Williams' buses

owns two and

leaves others when

needed, have

served New Jersey

Gov. Christine

Todd Whitman, U.

S. Sen. Jeff

Sessions, former

Alabama Gov.

Guy Hunt, U. S.

Sen. Sam

Brownback from

Kansas, and Texas

Gov. George W.

Bush.

Williams was

officially given the

title of

Commander John

L. Williams by

Bush when he was

driving him

around during his

1988 presidential

campaign.

Williams is one

of the very few

civilians ever to be

allowed to drive

for the president. This duty is

usually assigned exclusively to

members of the Secret Service.

Williams is quick to tell you that

he has enjoyed the experiences he

has had traveling around the coun-

try.

See WILLIAMS, Page 3

Recycling resumes

The Elba recycling center has reopened and is accepting cardboard boxes, newspapers, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans. The collection point is still located behind the old high school. Recycling of old tires is also

ongoing in Elba for a limited time. Private parties and businesses may take tires to the parking lot at the old stadium and place them with the others already piled there. There is no charge for this added service to the citizens of Elba.



ONE-VEHICLE CRASH KILLS ONE... A single vehicle crash on Coffee County Road 138 killed Jess Paul Cotter, 34, of New Brockton, AL. The crash occurred at approximately 9:30 p.m. Sunday night approximately 14 miles northeast of Elba. The 1984 Ford pickup being driven by Cotter left the road and hit a tree. Cotter, the lone occupant of the truck, was pronounced dead at the scene by the coroner. The accident is being investigated by the Alabama State Troopers.

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